

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant	:	Edwin C. Iliff
App. No	:	10/828,793
Filed	:	April 20, 2004
For	:	AUTOMATED DIAGNOSTIC SYSTEM AND METHOD
Examiner	:	Shubo Zhou
Art Unit	:	1631
Conf No.	:	5083

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant has been made aware, via telephone communications with Examiner Zhou on January 29, 2010, April 23, 2010, and April 30, 2010, that Examiner Zhou is reopening prosecution of the present application. A Notice of Appeal was filed in the present application on October 2, 2009. The time period for filing an Appeal Brief may therefore be extended until May 2, 2010, which will occur prior to Applicant's receipt of a Notice of Allowance or other written action. Examiner Zhou advised Applicant via teleconference on April 30, 2010, however, that pendency of the present application will be maintained and that a Notice of Allowance or Office Action will subsequently be issued.

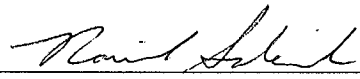
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Applicant understands that the present application will not fall abandoned for failure to file an Appeal Brief, and is filing this paper merely as a precautionary reservation of rights.

Respectfully submitted,

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